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Title: **PROSTHESES, TOOLS AND METHODS
FOR REPLACEMENT OF NATURAL
FACET JOINTS WITH ARTIFICIAL
FACET JOINT SURFACES**

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
FOR OFFICE MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. §1.322) AND
APPLICANT MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. §1.323)**

Commissioner for Patents
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ATTN: Certificate of Correction Branch

Sir:

It is noted that errors of a minor nature or character appears in this patent due to mistakes on the part of the Office and on the part of the Applicants, as more fully described below. The Patentee believes that correction thereof does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require re-examination of the patent. A certificate of correction is therefore requested.

Attached hereto is Form PTO/SB/44 which is suitable for printing.

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Request for Certificate of
Correction of Patent for Office
Mistake and Applicant Mistake
Dated October 27, 2006

1. Mistakes on the Part of the Office:

In reviewing the issued Patent, Applicants noted the following errors, which
Applicant's believe are attributable to the Patent Office. These errors are located in the issued
Patent at:

Requested Correction	Support for Correction found in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, dated September 16, 2005
In Claim 7, at Column 11, line 12, please change: "traverses" to -- traverse --.	Page 4, Claim 12, line 2
In Claim 10, at Column 11, line 21, please change: "to" to -- the --.	Page 4, Claim 22, line 1
In Claim 12, at Column 11, line 29, please delete: " , " between the words "right" and "and".	Page 4, Claim 34, line 1
In Claim 50, at Column 13, line 61, please change: "lemma" to -- lamina --.	Page 10, Claim 82, line 2
In Claim 59, at Column 14, line 36, please change: "tote" to -- to the --.	Page 11, Claim 91, line 2
In Claim 79, at Column 15, line 67, please change: "clement" to -- element --.	Page 14, Claim 111, line 7
In Claim 81, at Column 16, line 8, please change: "he" to -- the --.	Page 14, Claim 113, line 1
In Claim 89, at Column 17, line 2, please change: "lemma" to -- lamina --.	Page 16, Claim 122, line 2
In Claim 101, at Column 18, line 14, please change: "89" to -- 99 --.	Page 17, Claim 134, line 1

2. Mistakes on the Part of the Applicants:

Applicants respectfully request the corrections to the language in the issued Patent
indicated in order to conform to the language of the claims to the Examiner's amendment to

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Claim 118 (Claim 86 of the instant patent), as amended in the Notice of Allowability,
Examiner's Amendment, Page 2. The changes requested are:

In Claim 17, at Column 11, line 61, please change:
"vertebra contact surfaces" to -- vertebral contact surfaces --.

In Claim 17, at Column 11, line 62, please change:
"vertebra surfaces" to -- vertebral surfaces --.

In Claim 82, at Column 16, lines 12-13 and 13-14, please change each
occurrence of: "vertebra contact surfaces" to -- vertebral contact surfaces --.

Applicants also respectfully request correction to the language in the issued Patent in
order to correct an error in antecedent basis. The changes requested are:

In Claim 26, at Column 12, lines 24-25, please change:
"attachment element" to -- attachment mechanism --.

In Claim 28, at Column 12, line 36, please change:
"attachment element" to -- attachment mechanism --.

Applicants respectfully request the noted corrections below to correct an imperceptible
strikethrough mark in the following claims.

In Claim 69, at Column 15, line 20, please change:
"traverses" to -- traverse --.

In Claim 77, at Column 15, line 52, please change:
"traverses" to -- traverse --.

In Claim 85, at Column 16, line 25, please change:
"traverses" to -- traverse --.

Please charge the processing fee under 37 CFR 1.20(a) of \$100.00 to Deposit Account
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29914-703.201).

Respectfully submitted,

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